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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EDWARD SHIN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

YS2 ENTERPRISES INC., MICHAEL S. WANG,
VICTORIA WANG AS TRUSTEE OF THE RICHARDSON
IRREVOCABLE TRUST, TERRANCE WU, DEH-JUNG
DEBORAH WANG, and YOUNG K. LEE

Defendant.

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May 21, 2019 11:11 a.m.

EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of JOHN KIM, a Non-Party Witness herein, taken by MS. BERKOWITZ in the above-entitled action, held at the above time and place, pursuant to Subpoena, taken before CHRISTA M. MILOSCIA, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of New York.

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       LAW
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Page 3 1 STIPULATIONS 2 3 IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the attorneys for the respective parties 4 5 herein, and in compliance with Rule 221 of the Uniform Rules for the Trial Courts: 6 THAT the parties recognize the provision of 7 Rule 3115 subdivisions (b), (c) and/or (d). 8 9 All objections made at a deposition shall be noted by the officer before whom the 10 deposition is taken, and the answer shall be 11 12 given and the deposition shall proceed subject to the objections and to the right of a person 13 14 to apply for appropriate relief pursuant to Article 31 of the CPLR; 15 THAT every objection raised during a 16 deposition shall be stated succinctly and 17 18 framed so as not to suggest an answer to the deponent and, at the request of the 19 questioning attorney, shall include a clear 20 statement as to any defect in form or other 21 basis of error or irregularity. Except to the 22 23 extent permitted by CPLR Rule 3115 or by this rule, during the course of the examination 24 persons in attendance shall not make 25



Page 4 1 2 statements or comments that interfere with the 3 questioning. THAT a deponent shall answer all questions 4 5 at a deposition, except (i) to preserve a privilege or right of confidentiality, (ii) to 6 7 enforce a limitation set forth in an order of a court, or (iii) when the question is plainly 8 9 improper and would, if answered, cause significant prejudice to any person. 10 attorney shall not direct a deponent not to 11 answer except as provided in CPLR Rule 3115 or 12 this subdivision. Any refusal to answer or 13 14 direction not to answer shall be accompanied 15 by a succinct and clear statement on the basis therefore. If the deponent does not answer a 16 question, the examining party shall have the 17 right to complete the remainder of the 18 19 deposition. 20 THAT an attorney shall not interrupt the deposition for the purpose of communicating 21 with the deponent unless all parties consent 22 23 or the communication is made for the purpose of determining whether the question should not 24 25 be answered on the grounds set forth in



Page 5 1 Section 221.2 of these rules, and, in such 2 event, the reason for the communication shall 3 be stated for the record succinctly and 4 5 clearly. THAT the failure to object to any question or to move to strike any testimony at this 7 examination shall not be a bar or waiver to 8 make such objection or motion at the time of 9 the trial of this action, and is hereby 10 reserved; and 11 THAT this examination may be signed and 12 sworn to by the witness examined herein before 13 any Notary Public, but the failure to do so or 14 15 to return the original of the examination to the attorney on whose behalf the examination 16 is taken, shall not be deemed a waiver of the 17 rights provided by Rules 3116 and 3117 of the 18 C.P.L.R, and shall be controlled thereby; and 19 THAT the certification and filing of the 20 original of this examination are hereby 21 waived; and 22 23 THAT the questioning attorney shall provide counsel for the witness examined herein with a 24 copy of this examination at no charge. 25



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Page 6
                      J. KIM
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   J O H N K I M, the Witness herein,
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   having been first duly sworn by a Notary
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   Public of the State of New York, was
   examined and testified as follows:
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   EXAMINATION
7
   BY MS. BERKOWITZ:
8
         Q. State your name for the record,
9
    please.
10
         A. John Kim.
11
         Q. Mr. Kim, my name is Janice
12
    Berkowitz. I'm the attorney for the
13
    Defendant YS2 Enterprises; we also call
14
     it the "karaoke club" in a lawsuit that
15
    was commenced by Edward Shin.
16
            Are you here today pursuant to a
17
    non-party subpoena?
18
        A. Yes.
         Q. And the gentleman to your left
19
20
     is your attorney for today?
21
         A. Yes.
22
         Q. Okay. I'm going to focus on
    April 21st, 2017. Did you go to the
23
    karaoke club with Edward Shin that
24
25
    night?
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Page 7
1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. Yes.
3
         Q. Where had you been before you
     got to the karaoke club?
4
5
         A. We had a meeting within the bank
6
     and after the meeting, myself and
7
    Mr. Shin and a couple of employees went
8
     out for the dinner.
9
         Q. Where was the dinner?
10
         A. New Jersey.
11
         O. What time did the dinner start?
12
         A. I don't quite recall the exact
13
     time, but probably around seven.
14
         Q. And what time did it end?
         A. Probably 9:30, before 10, I
15
16
     guess -- I believe.
17
         Q. And you're employed by
18
     Noah Bank?
19
        A. Yes.
20
         Q. And at that time what was your
21
    position?
22
         A. I'm head of Special Asset
23
    Department, controlling problem loans.
24
               MR. WEISSLER: Off the
25
         record.
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1
                      J. KIM
2
                (Whereupon, a discussion was
3
         held off the record.)
4
         Q. What was Mr. Shin's position at
5
     that time?
         A. Chief Executive Officer.
6
7
         Q. During the dinner in New Jersey,
8
     did you observe Mr. Shin drinking
9
     alcohol?
10
        A. Yes.
11
         Q. What did you observe him
12
     drinking?
13
         A. Just -- not much.
14
         Q. What did you observe him
15
     drinking?
         A. What kind of drink? Is that
16
17
     what you're asking?
18
         Q. Right.
19
         A. We had whisky.
20
         Q. And how much whisky did he
     consume during dinner?
21
22
         A. Not much.
23
         Q. What do you mean by "not much"?
24
         A. Maybe several shots.
25
         Q. What's "several" to you?
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. Probably three or four.
3
         Q. Were you drinking that night?
4
         A. Probably one glass of shot(sic).
5
         Q. When you left the dinner, where
6
     did you go?
7
         A. I, myself -- myself and Mr. Shin
8
     went to Flushing.
9
         Q. What was the purpose of going to
10
     Flushing?
11
         A. After we got out from the
     restaurant, I believe Mr. Shin received
12
13
     a phone call and then he wanted to --
14
     "We have to go to Flushing."
15
         Q. Do you know who he received the
16
    phone call from?
17
         A. I don't know.
18
         Q. Did he say why he had to go to
19
    Flushing?
20
         A. He had meeting with -- he have
21
     meeting with Mr. Lee -- Chung Kane Lee.
22
         Q. Who's Chung Lee?
23
         A. Chung Lee -- his friend.
24
         Q. Was he some type of business
     associate?
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Page 10
1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. He -- yes. He received the loan
3
     from us -- our bank.
         Q. Do you know the purpose of the
4
5
    meeting?
         A. No, just a casual meeting.
6
7
         Q. Was it a friendly social meeting
8
     or a business meeting?
9
         A. I don't know about that.
         Q. Okay. After he received the
10
11
    phone call, did you drive to Flushing?
12
        A. Yes.
13
        Q. Okay.
14
               MR. WEISSLER: Who was the
15
        driver?
               THE WITNESS: I was the
16
17
         driver.
18
         Q. What time did you leave
19
    New Jersey?
20
         A. Probably between 9:30 or 10, I
21
     don't quite recall.
22
         Q. What time did you arrive in
23
    Flushing?
24
         A. About 10:30, before 11 -- 11
     around.
25
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Page 11
                      J. KIM
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2
         Q. And when you arrived in
3
     Flushing, where did you go?
         A. The karaoke bar called CEO.
4
5
         Q. Have you ever been there before?
6
         A. No.
7
         Q. Had Mr. Shin ever been there
8
    before?
         A. I don't know.
9
         Q. When you got to the karaoke bar,
10
11
     what did you do?
12
         A. We went to a room where I saw
13
     Mr. Chung Lee was there and CPA Park
14
     was there and there's another party but
15
     I don't have his name.
16
         Q. When you got to the karaoke --
17
     strike that.
18
            When you got to the premises,
    how did you get to the karaoke bar?
19
20
    Did you go upstairs, take an elevator,
21
     something else?
22
         A. I think we have to use
23
     stairway(sic).
24
         Q. Okay. And when you got to the
25
     karaoke bar, did anyone greet you?
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Page 12
1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. Yeah.
3
         Q. Who greeted you?
4
         A. Mr. Shin and CPA Park.
5
         Q. Mr. Shin assisted you?
6
         A. Yes.
7
         Q. Did anyone from the karaoke bar
8
     greet you?
9
         A. Anyone from karaoke bar? No.
10
         Q. Did the owner or waiter or
11
     anybody else greet you?
12
         A. No.
13
         Q. How did you know where to go
14
     when you arrived?
15
         A. I just followed Mr. Shin's
16
     direction.
17
         Q. Do you know how Mr. Shin knew
18
     where to go?
19
         A. I don't know.
20
         Q. Okay. Where did Mr. Shin lead
21
    you to?
22
         A. I don't quite remember but there
23
     was a bunch of rooms within the karaoke
24
    bar and I went into one of the rooms
25
     where Mr. Chung Lee and CPA Park
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Page 13
1
                      J. KIM
2
     stayed.
3
         Q. So Chung Lee and CPA Park were
     already in the room?
4
5
         A. Yes.
6
         O. You went in with Mr. Shin?
7
         A. Yes.
8
         Q. When you went into the room,
9
     what did you observe, if anything? Was
     there any alcohol in the room already?
10
11
         A. Yes.
12
         Q. What was in the room already?
13
         A. Whisky.
14
         Q. What kind of whisky?
15
         A. I think it was Johnnie Walker
    Black and the fruits and glasses.
16
17
         Q. And where was the Johnnie Walker
18
    Black?
19
         A. On the table.
20
         Q. And was any alcohol missing from
21
     the bottle when you got there?
22
         A. Bottle --
23
         Q. Was it full -- was the bottle
24
     full?
25
         A. I don't recall.
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         Q. Okay. When you got into the
3
     room, did any waiter or server come in?
         A. Yes -- actually, it's time to
4
5
     time. When I got there the waiter was
6
     serving something but it's really time
7
    to time. Everything was displayed on
8
    the table already.
9
         Q. So what do you mean "displayed"?
     The bottle was on the table?
10
11
         A. Yeah; bottles, and fruits,
12
    plates.
13
         Q. Did you see the waiter ever pour
     anybody a drink?
14
        A. No.
15
16
         Q. Do you know the name of the
17
    waiter?
18
        A. No.
19
         Q. Was it the same waiter
20
    throughout?
21
         A. I don't know.
22
         Q. When you first got to the room,
23
     did Mr. Shin have anything to drink?
24
         A. He had a couple of shots, I
25
     believe one or two.
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		Page 15
	1	J. KIM
	2	Q. One or two?
	3	A. Yeah.
	4	Q. Did he have any beer?
	5	A. I don't recall, just the whisky
	6	was there.
	7	Q. Did you have anything to drink?
	8	A. I had one shot, yes.
	9	Q. You were the designated driver
	10	that night?
	11	A. I was the driver.
	12	Q. And when was that determined?
	13	A. When was it determined?
	14	Q. Right.
	15	A. After we got out of the dinner
	16	from New Jersey.
	17	Q. Did Mr. Shin ask you to be the
	18	designated driver?
	19	A. Well, I'm the only one who
	20	brought the car into the restaurant in
	21	New Jersey.
	22	Q. It was your car?
	23	A. It was my car.
	24	Q. What time did do you think that
	25	you got into the room?



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Page 16
                      J. KIM
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2
         A. Probably between 10:30 to 11.
3
         Q. What happened during the next
     half hour?
4
5
         A. Actually, after I got into the
6
     room and CPA Park walked out from the
7
     room and he came back within about 10
8
     to 15 minutes and took Mr. Shin out for
9
     potential clients -- he wanted to
10
     introduce potential clients where they
11
     were, in the other room(sic).
12
         Q. Who were the clients in the
     other room?
13
14
         A. The guy who kicked Mr. Shin.
15
         Q. And do you know his name?
16
         A. I think it's Mr. Lee but I don't
17
     have his full name.
18
         Q. Did you know him before that
     night?
19
20
         A. No.
21
         Q. And did you know CPA Park before
     that night?
22
23
        A. Yes.
24
         Q. And how do you know him?
25
         A. He's -- he's the CPA and since
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Page 17 1 J. KIM 2 we're the banker and we usually have 3 communication with CPAs, because clients use CPA Park often. 4 5 Q. Is CPA Park for Noah Bank? A. Not for Noah Bank but 6 7 Noah Bank's clients. 8 Q. Okay. How long did you know him before that time? 9 10 A. Two years, three years. 11 Q. What about Mr. Shin, how long 12 did you know him for? A. I don't know that. 13 14 Q. When did you start working for Noah Bank? 15 16 A. Since 2012. 17 Q. And do you work in the Fort Lee, New Jersey, office? 18 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And so does Mr. Shin? 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Do you socialize outside of 23 work? A. With myself or? 24 25 Q. With you and Mr. Shin.



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                      J. KIM
2
         A. Not much.
         Q. But occasionally?
3
4
         A. Like, rarely.
5
         Q. Do you consider him a friend or
6
     more of a business associate or both?
7
        A. Both.
8
         Q. Okay. All right.
9
            So when Mr. Park took Mr. Shin
10
     out, how long were you in that room
11
    before that happened, how many minutes?
12
         A. Probably like hour and a half,
13
     two hours.
14
         Q. Before he left? Before Mr. Shin
     left with Mr. Park, how long were you
15
16
     in the room for?
17
         A. 10 or 15 minutes.
18
         Q. Okay. During those 10 or 15
     minutes, how much did you see Mr. Shin
19
20
     drink?
21
         A. Not much but -- it was a very
22
     short time period so, like, three to
23
     four, I don't recall exactly.
24
         Q. Three to four shots?
25
         A. He had a lot of drinks. I can't
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Page 19
                      J. KIM
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2
     tell you exactly how many shots he had.
3
         Q. Was that just from that one
4
    bottle when you walked into the room?
5
         A. Yes.
6
               MR. WEISSLER: Was that
7
         within the 15 minutes he had
8
         three to four shots?
9
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Yes.
         Q. What did CPA Park tell Mr. Shin
10
11
    before they walked out together? You
12
    said that he wanted him to meet some
    potential clients?
13
14
        A. Yeah.
         Q. Do you remember anything else
15
16
     about the conversation?
17
         A. No.
18
         Q. So then CPA Park left with
    Mr. Shin?
19
20
        A. Yes.
21
         Q. And you stayed in there with
22
    Chung Lee?
23
         A. Chung Lee and other party, I
     don't have his name.
24
25
         Q. Did you know Chung Lee before
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Page 20
1
                      J. KIM
2
     that night?
3
         A. I met him once.
4
         Q. And where was that?
5
         A. In Flushing.
6
         Q. Was that a business meeting or a
7
     social gathering?
8
         A. No, we had a company dinner at
9
     his restaurant where Chung Lee
10
     operated.
11
         Q. All right.
12
            Now, when Mr. Park left with
13
     Mr. Shin, they went into the room where
14
     Young Lee was?
         A. I think so.
15
16
         Q. Do you know who else was in
17
     there?
18
        A. There was one more guy.
19
         Q. Do you know his name?
20
         A. No.
21
         Q. How long were Mr. Park and
22
     Mr. Shin gone for?
23
         A. Hour and a half.
24
         Q. During that period of time, did
25
     you ever go into the room to check on
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Page 21
1
                      J. KIM
2
     Mr. Shin?
3
         A. No.
4
         Q. You stayed in your room?
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. What did you do in your room?
7
         A. Just sit there and wait until
8
     Mr. Shin comes back.
         Q. Did you ever hear of any arguing
10
     or screaming or any problems?
11
         A. No.
12
         Q. While you were in your room, was
     the second bottle of alcohol ordered?
13
14
         A. I don't recall that.
15
         Q. And how much did you drink
16
     during the hour and a half?
17
         A. I didn't drink.
18
         Q. You stopped drinking after you
     took that one shot?
19
20
         A. Yes.
21
         Q. And you were sober?
22
         A. Mhmm.
23
         O. Yes?
24
         A. Yes.
25
         Q. During the hour and a half that
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Page 22 J. KIM 1 2 Mr. Shin was in with Mr. Park and 3 Mr. Young Lee, do you know how much 4 Mr. Shin drank during that hour and a 5 half? 6 A. I don't know. 7 Q. When for the next time did you 8 see Mr. Shin? 9 A. I went into -- into the room 10 where Mr. Shin's staying to let him 11 know we're leaving to see whether Mr. Shin wanted to leave. 12 13 Q. And what did he say? 14 A. He said he wanted to leave. 15 Q. What did you observe when you 16 went into that room? 17 They were sitting together. 18 Q. Who was sitting together? A. Mr. Shin and Mr. Lee on the 19 20 other side and the other party was in 21 there sitting. Three people -- three 22 guys were sitting in that room. 23 Q. Daniel Park was there also? 24 A. Daniel Park wasn't in the room. Q. Where was he? 25



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2
         A. I don't know.
3
         O. You didn't --
4
         A. I think he went back to my room
5
     for that hour and a half time period.
6
         Q. When you went into the room, you
7
     saw Mr. Shin, Young Lee, and who?
8
         A. The other guy, I don't have that
9
     name.
10
         Q. Do you know who the other guy
11
     was?
12
         A. I think he was the other
13
    business owner, I don't know.
14
         Q. When you went in, what did you
15
     observe?
         A. They were just sitting and
16
17
     relaxing.
18
         Q. Did you notice any problems?
19
         A. I don't see any problems(sic).
20
         Q. Did Mr. Shin appear intoxicated
21
     to you?
22
         A. Seems like it, yes.
23
         Q. What did you base that on?
24
        A. He was so relaxed.
         Q. Relaxed?
25
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Page 24
1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. He was sitting back like that
3
     (indicating).
         O. Indicating back on the couch?
4
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. Did he seem angry or upset or
    agitated?
7
8
         A. No.
9
         Q. What else, besides him being
     relaxed, which led you to believe he
10
11
    was intoxicated?
12
         A. That's about it.
13
         Q. What about Young Lee, did you
     observe anything about him?
14
15
         A. No, I didn't have a chance to
16
     see him because I got into the room and
17
     I asked for Mr. Shin to leave and he
     said, "Okay. We'll leave," and I took
18
19
    him out.
20
         Q. Did you see Mr. Lee consume any
21
     alcohol that night?
22
         A. At the time I didn't recognize
23
     it but there were silver bottles on
24
    their table, seems like they been
     drinking.
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Page 25
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                      J. KIM
2
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Move to
3
         strike anything nonresponsive.
4
         Q. Did you witness Mr. Young Lee
5
     drinking any alcohol?
         A. I didn't see him drink.
6
7
         Q. Okay. So besides for seeing
8
     Mr. Shin relaxing, did you notice
9
     anything else in that room at that time
     when you walked in?
10
11
         A. No.
12
         Q. Did you notice any arguing or
13
     fighting or anything like that?
14
         A. No.
15
         Q. Okay. When you came into the
16
     room and asked Mr. Shin if he wanted to
17
     leave, what did he say?
18
         A. He said he wanted to leave.
         Q. Then what happened?
19
20
         A. I take him out and we walked
21
     through the hallway.
22
         Q. What do you mean "take him out,"
23
     did you escort him?
24
         A. Yeah, I helped him out to stand
25
     and then we walked out together.
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         Q. Why'd you help him to stand?
3
         A. He seems very tired.
         O. Was he also intoxicated? Is
4
5
     that why you helped him?
         A. I believe so, yes.
6
7
         Q. After you helped him stand, what
8
     did you do next?
9
         A. We walked out of the door with
     Chung Kane Lee and we all three walked
10
11
     in the hallway toward the exit and
12
    Mr. Lee followed out.
13
         Q. Mr. Young Lee?
14
         A. Young Lee, the guy who kicked
15
    Mr. Shin, and he's following us and we
16
    were standing at the platform at the
17
     right front of the stairway.
18
         Q. Do you know why he was following
    you out?
19
20
         A. I don't know.
21
         Q. When you were walking Mr. Shin
22
     out with Chung Lee, was there any
23
     arguing?
24
        A. No.
         Q. Was Mr. Shin being loud or
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Page 27 1 J. KIM 2 verbally aggressive or anything? 3 A. No, not really. 4 Q. What do you mean "not really"? 5 A. I'm sorry, your question again. 6 Q. Was Mr. Shin -- when you were 7 walking out -- was he yelling or 8 cursing or being angry or anything? A. No. 9 Q. Okay. So you were just walking 10 11 out normally and you were helping 12 Mr. Shin, and Young Lee followed you? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Do you know why he followed you? 15 A. I don't know. 16 Q. Was he saying anything? 17 A. He's the guy who was yelling and 18 talk loud(sic). Q. What was he yelling? What were 19 20 his words? 21 A. I don't remember what he was 22 saying. He was mumbling and his 23 pronunciation wasn't clear enough for 24 me to hear and I was helping Mr. Shin 25 too, you know, walk out of the



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1
                      J. KIM
     hallway -- walking him through the
2
3
     hallway, so I really don't know.
4
         Q. Was he speaking English or
5
     Korean?
6
         A. Speaking Korean.
7
         Q. Do you speak Korean?
8
         A. I do.
9
         Q. Do you understand any words of
10
     what he was saying?
11
         A. He kept saying, "Why are you
12
     leaving?"
13
        Q. Okay. Did anybody respond to
14
     that?
15
         A. No, we wanted to go home.
     think Mr. Shin responded, "I want to go
16
17
    home."
18
         Q. What was Shin's tone when he
19
     said that?
20
         A. Very casual.
21
         Q. Did Young Lee say anything in
22
     response to that?
23
         A. I don't quite recall.
24
         Q. When you got to the landing,
25
     what happened?
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. And I guess he tried to close
3
         O. Who?
4
         A. Young Lee.
5
         Q. Tried to what?
6
         A. Getting close to Mr. Shin and
7
     since his behavior and, you know,
8
     acting like a drunk guy, so I and
9
    Mr. Chung Kane Lee were probably in the
10
     same position to block him away from
11
    Mr. Shin.
12
         Q. Who was acting like a drunk guy?
13
         A. Mr. Lee.
         Q. What was he doing, acting like a
14
15
     drunk?
16
         A. His behavior, yelling, "Why are
17
    you leaving, " something like that.
18
    think they had some conversation at the
19
    platform right in front of the
20
    stairway.
21
         O. Who had the conversation?
22
         A. Mr. Lee and Mr. Chin and Chung
23
     Kane Lee.
24
         O. What was the conversation?
         A. Still -- I remember him still
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
     saying, "Why are you leaving?"
3
         Q. And that was basically what you
     recall?
4
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. What were you doing on the
7
     landing?
8
         A. I was trying to stay away from
9
     Mr. Shin(sic).
10
         Q. Why were you trying to stay away
11
     from Mr. Shin?
12
         A. Because it seems like his
13
     behavior wasn't really normal.
14
         O. Shin?
         A. No, Young Lee.
15
16
         Q. What do you mean by not normal?
17
         A. Because he's yelling and asking
18
     the same questions over again.
19
         Q. What was Mr. Shin doing while
20
     Mr. Lee was yelling?
         A. He said -- well, in question to
21
     "Why are you leaving," he said, "I want
22
23
     to go home," and that was the part that
     I remember.
24
         Q. Okay. Can you see Mr. Shin give
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
     Young Lee the finger?
3
        A. Yes.
4
         Q. Okay. Do you know why he did
5
     that?
         A. I don't know, maybe some sort of
6
7
    disagreement between two of them, I
8
    don't know.
9
         Q. What was the disagreement for
10
     why you were going home?
11
         A. I don't know.
12
         Q. What was Chung Lee doing during
    this time?
13
14
         A. He's trying to -- same situation
     as I did(sic). He was trying to block
15
    him away from Mr. Shin and he's hugging
16
17
     and I think shaking hands at the time,
18
    Mr. Chung Lee with Young Lee.
19
         Q. Do you know why he was doing
20
     that?
21
         A. I don't know, I think Chung
22
     Kane Lee known him a very long time
23
     ago, like met him once or twice before.
24
         Q. When did Chung Lee tell you
     that, after this incident?
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. Yeah.
3
         Q. Did you know that at the time?
        A. Yeah.
4
5
         Q. So besides from Chung Lee,
6
     Young Lee, and you, was there anybody
7
     else on the landing?
8
         A. I think only four persons were
9
     there.
         Q. How long did this exchange go on
10
11
     when the four of you were on the
12
     landing before the incident?
13
         A. It was very quick, not too long,
14
     less than five minutes.
15
         Q. Okay. And what do you recall
16
    happening right before Mr. Shin fell?
17
         A. Well, same thing, that they're
    talking and I'm just concentrating on,
18
19
    you know, trying to block him away a
20
     little bit.
21
         Q. Were you doing anything
22
    physically?
23
         A. No, I was just standing in the
    middle.
24
25
         Q. With your body?
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. Yes, between Young Lee and
3
     Mr. Shin.
4
         Q. And then what happened?
5
         A. And then he fell.
6
         Q. What's the last thing you
     remember happening before Mr. Shin
7
8
     fell?
9
         A. Chung Kane Lee and I stay in the
10
     middle between Young Lee and Mr. Shin
11
     and they were talking and somehow
    Mr. Shin fly down -- I mean he fell
12
13
     down to the stairway and I got really
     surprised and shocked and I followed
14
15
    Mr. Shin downstairs and called the
16
     waiter -- or the employee in the
17
     karaoke bar called 911.
18
         Q. How did you get the employee?
19
         A. I called him, I think they
20
     walked out.
21
         Q. And then you told the
22
     employee --
23
         A. To call 911.
24
         Q. And then the police arrived?
         A. And then I asked him to call
25
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1
2
     both 911 and police officer(sic).
3
         Q. Okay. When the police officer
4
     arrived, did you talk to the police
5
     officer?
6
         A. Yes.
7
         Q. Did they ask you any questions?
8
         A. He was asking what happened and
9
     I explained.
10
         Q. What did you explain?
11
         A. We were -- like same situation.
12
     We were in the room and then Mr. Shin
13
    went to other room for I think a
14
    business purpose and then I take him
    out and then he followed and then he
15
16
     kicked him.
17
         Q. Did you see -- who kicked who?
18
         A. Young Lee kicked Mr. Shin.
19
         Q. How do you know that?
20
         A. Because I -- I kind of feel it.
21
     I didn't really see where he kicked but
22
    his leg -- something was on my side.
23
    was standing on the left side and Chung
24
    Lee was on the right side and between
     us there's something moving through my,
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
     you know, right side, and Mr. Shin got
3
     fell(sic).
4
         O. You didn't see him kick?
5
         A. I didn't see him kick.
6
         Q. But you saw something?
7
         A. I feel it, I feel his movements.
8
         Q. What did you feel?
9
         A. Something go through on my side,
10
     my right side.
11
         Q. Did you see what went through?
         A. Not really, I was seeing his
12
13
     face, Young Lee at the time.
14
         Q. Right?
15
         A. So if you're asking me if Lee
     really kicked him, did I see it?
16
17
         Q. Did you ever bump into Mr.
18
     before he fell?
19
         A. No.
20
         Q. We previously marked an invoice
21
     or receipt as Exhibit C on February
     1st, 2019, have you ever seen that
22
23
     before?
24
        A. No.
         Q. I'm going to represent to you
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
     that this is the receipt for
3
     Young Lee's room. Okay?
         A. Okay.
4
5
         Q. Do you know who paid that bill?
6
         A. I don't know.
7
         Q. Did you?
8
         A. I didn't pay it.
9
         O. Did Mr. Shin?
10
         A. I don't know.
11
         O. Okay. Mr. Shin testified at his
12
     deposition that he usually has about a
     thousand or $1,100 in his wallet and
13
14
     when he woke up at the hospital, it
15
    wasn't in there; do you know what
    happened to his money?
16
17
         A. I don't know.
18
         Q. Do you know if he paid this
     bill?
19
20
         A. I don't know.
21
         Q. Some time after this incident
22
     happened, did Mr. Shin come back to
23
     work?
         A. After the incident?
24
25
         Q. Right.
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Page 37 1 J. KIM 2 A. Yes, he came back to work, yes. 3 Q. And when he came back to work, 4 did he have the same duties as he did 5 before he left? 6 A. Not really. Not normally; he doesn't participate in his business 7 8 operations since he's Executive 9 Officer. Our bank is a small, Korean community bank and most likely, even 10 11 though there's a lot of employees 12 there, Chief Executive Officer duty is 13 very important to run the bank because 14 he made all the big decisions but during his absence period, I think he's 15 16 been absent for, I don't quite recall 17 how long, probably like three months or 18 four months or five months or so, so 19 everything was delayed. 20 After he came back he had to go 21 to Philadelphia for treatment and going 22 forward -- you know, like over a year I 23 guess and back and forth driving two 24 hours and back is probably four hours 25 driving twice a week and I believe he



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1
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2
     had another surgery recently, like two
3
     weeks before.
4
         Q. Did the bank hire anyone to
5
     fulfill his duties?
         A. For the Chief Executive
6
    position?
7
8
         Q. Right.
         A. No.
9
         Q. So who, if anyone, performed
10
11
     those duties during Mr. Shin's absence?
12
         A. I believe Chairman of the
     Bank -- not his full duties of
13
14
    Mr. Shin's work but he came to the bank
15
    more often compared to previous and we
16
    have a number of Executive Officers to
17
     run the bank but some decisions need to
18
    be made by the Chief Executive. No one
19
     can take over Mr. Shin's position.
20
         Q. So is Mr. Shin back working as
     the President and the CEO now?
21
22
         A. Yes.
23
         Q. And have you noticed any
24
     difference in his performance?
25
         A. Well, he's getting tired very
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1
                      J. KIM
2
     easily compared to previous to the
3
     incident(sic).
4
         Q. Anything else that you observed?
5
         A. He's -- well, his number one
6
     talent was good memory and I think he's
7
     losing some memories after the
8
     incident. I don't know if it's caused
9
     by the incident happening but.
10
         Q. And have you reported that to
11
     anybody at the bank?
12
         A. About my feeling?
13
         Q. Right.
14
         A. No.
15
         Q. And are you still friendly with
16
    Mr. Shin?
17
         A. Well, I'm not -- I can't say
18
     it's friendly but we're good
    relationship as a business, you know,
19
20
    the Chief Executive Officer and the
21
     employee(sic).
         Q. So you're an employee of the
22
     bank not of Mr. Shin, right?
23
        A. Correct.
24
25
         Q. Okay. Now, without telling me
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1
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2
     the substance of anything that you
     might have said, did you give your
3
     attorneys any written statements?
4
5
         A. No.
6
         Q. Did you give any recorded
7
     statements into a tape recorder?
8
         A. No.
9
         Q. Did you give any video
10
     statements?
11
         A. No.
12
         Q. Did you tell Mr. Shin you were
13
     coming here today? Did you discuss
14
     your deposition with him?
15
         A. Yes, well, I didn't discuss but
     I told him I'm going to a deposition.
16
17
     I need his permission to leave the
18
    bank.
19
         Q. Did he say anything to you about
20
     what type of questions would be asked
21
     or anything like that?
22
         A. No.
23
         Q. Did he give you any instructions
24
     as what to say, what not to say?
25
         A. No.
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1
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2
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Do you want
3
        to show the video?
4
               MS. NICOLAOU: Whatever you
5
         want me to do.
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Yeah. You
6
7
         can show it.
8
   EXAMINATION
   BY MS. NICOLAOU:
9
10
         Q. Good morning, Mr. Kim. My name
11
    is Carmen Nicolaou. I represent
12
    several individuals in this action that
13
    Mr. Shin has commenced, who owned the
14
    property at the time of Mr. Shin's
15
    accident. I'm going to ask you a
16
    couple of follow-up questions. I'll
17
    try not to repeat myself. Please wait
18
    for the questions to be fully asked
19
    before answering it. We can't talk
20
    over each other; you did a pretty good
21
    job with Counsel over here so I'm sure
22
    it's not going to be an issue.
23
            If you don't understand a
24
    question, please let me know. I'll be
25
    happy to rephrase the question for you.
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2
     If you answer the question, I can only
3
     assume you understood it, okay, so it's
4
     important to let me know if you're not
5
     sure what I'm asking. Okay?
6
         A. Okay.
7
         Q. Your primary language is Korean,
8
     correct?
         A. Yes.
9
10
         Q. But I see your fluent in
11
     English, right?
12
         A. Yeah, if you feel that way.
13
         Q. Do you agree that you're fluent
14
     in English?
15
         A. I'm okay with English, I
16
     understand.
17
         Q. You understand questions -- you
18
     understand all the questions that was
     asked by prior Counsel, right?
19
20
         A. Correct.
21
         Q. You can read and write English?
22
         A. Yes.
23
         Q. And prior to coming here today,
24
     did you review any documents in
     preparation for today's deposition?
25
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. No.
3
         Q. But you met with your attorney
4
     prior to today's deposition to prepare,
5
     correct?
6
         A. No, I just arrived a little
     earlier so I met him just for the
7
8
    greeting purpose.
9
         Q. For greeting purpose?
10
               MR. WEISSLER: Is that the
11
         gentleman sitting to your right.
               THE WITNESS: Yes.
12
13
         Q. That's the one who's sitting
14
    with you --
15
         A. Yes, and also Robert Basil, he's
16
     sitting in his office.
17
         O. Is he in his office now?
18
         A. Yes.
19
         Q. Mr. Kim, let me just clear up,
20
     you had the vehicle but you were not
21
     considered the designated driver; is
22
    that right?
23
         A. I'm not the designated driver.
24
         Q. So it wasn't that when you went
     out to dinner -- you and Mr. Shin went
25
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Page 44 1 J. KIM 2 out to dinner, in New Jersey, it wasn't 3 agreed to that you would be the 4 designated driver? 5 A. That is correct, I'm the one who 6 brought the car to the restaurant. 7 Q. And from there you drove 8 Mr. Shin to the karaoke bar? A. Yes. 9 10 Q. Now, I understand you were 11 brought into one room where CPA Park 12 was in; is that right; the 1st room? 13 A. Yes. 14 O. And is that where Mr. Park was 15 in the first room or was it where 16 Mr. Chung Lee was in the first room? 17 A. Chung Lee and CPA Park and other 18 person, I don't have his name right 19 now; three people were in the room and 20 Mr. Shin and I went into that room. 21 Q. The first room you entered was a 22 room where Mr. Chung Lee was in, CPA 23 Park was in, and an individual you 24 don't know the name; is that right? 25 A. Yes.



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1
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2
         Q. So it was you, those three
3
     individuals(sic), Mr. Shin, and
4
     yourself?
5
         A. Yes.
6
         O. And that was about for 10 to 15
7
     minutes?
8
         A. 10, 15 minutes, yes.
         Q. And at that point, Mr. Shin left
9
     that room?
10
11
         A. If I remember correctly,
12
     Mr. Park left the room first and then
13
    he came back to our room to take
14
     Mr. Shin out.
15
         Q. And the purpose of that was to
16
     introduce Mr. Shin to someone else?
17
         A. Yes.
18
         Q. And do you know who that person
19
     was?
         A. I didn't know at the time.
20
21
         Q. Do you know who it is today?
22
         A. Mr. Lee -- Young Lee.
23
         Q. Mr. Young Lee?
24
         A. Yes.
25
         Q. And when Mr. Shin left with
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1
     Mr. Park to go into another room, you
2
3
    remained behind the entire time for an
    hour and a half?
4
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. And in that hour and a half,
7
    Mr. Chung Lee was in that room?
8
         A. Yes.
9
         Q. And the other individual, you
10
     don't remember the name of right?
11
         A. Yes.
12
               MS. NICOLAOU: Do you have
13
        the other (pointing)?
14
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Yes.
15
         Q. I'm going to show you what's
16
    been previously marked Defendant's
17
     Exhibit B, dated February 1st, 2019.
18
            Now, this had been testified to
    that this particular bill or tab was
19
20
     for the room that you were in with
21
    Mr. Chung Lee and individual -- the
     room that you first entered. And I
22
23
    understand that you also read Korean;
24
     is that right?
25
         A. Yes.
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1
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2
         Q. Can you tell me what's written
3
     on top?
4
         A. Seems to me it's a name -- a
5
    person's name; it says "Siyun Young."
6
               MR. COHEN: Could you spell
7
        those names, please?
8
               THE WITNESS: Spell.
9
         Q. Why don't we do this, there was
10
     one name that's circled; is that right?
11
         A. Yes.
12
         Q. What's that name?
         A. S-I-Y-U-N. I just give you the
13
14
     spelling as you pronounce it. I don't
15
    know the exact spelling but that's
16
     Siyun definitely.
17
         Q. To your understanding, that's a
18
    woman's name?
19
         A. That's a woman.
20
         Q. Was there a woman in the room?
21
         A. Yes.
22
         Q. Was that the person you didn't
23
    know or another person?
24
         A. It's a different person.
25
         Q. How many people were in that
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1
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2
     room in total?
3
         A. Well, at the time I got into the
     room there was just Chung Kane Lee and
4
5
     other guy, which I don't know the name
6
     exactly, and CPA Park was there; only
    three persons were there. Myself and
7
8
    Mr. Shin got into the room and later
9
     on, some ladies came into the room.
10
         Q. Okay. Who were those ladies?
11
         A. Who were those ladies?
12
         O. Yes. Who were those ladies?
13
         A. Their employee.
         Q. What were they doing in that
14
15
    room?
16
         A. Like service; drinking, you
    know, pour the drinks in the glass and,
17
    you know, service.
18
19
         Q. And immediately to the right of
20
    the name that was circled; what is that
21
    name?
22
        A. Eve.
23
        O. Eve?
24
        A. Eve.
25
         Q. Is that another woman?
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1
2
         A. Yes.
3
               MR. WEISSLER: Spell that.
               MS. NICOLAOU: E-V-E.
4
5
               THE WITNESS: E-V-E, maybe.
6
         Q. Okay. And to the right of that?
7
         A. Yuju, Y-U-J-U.
8
         Q. Is that a female's name?
         A. Seems like it.
9
10
         Q. The one next to it?
11
         A. Seyung, S-E-Y-U-N-G.
12
               MR. WEISSLER: Is that also
13
        a woman?
14
               THE WITNESS: I believe so,
         I don't know -- I don't know.
15
16
         Q. It says "10:45," you see that?
17
         A. Yes.
18
         Q. Can you tell me what's written
    underneath?
19
20
         A. It says, "Jason and Mr. Shin."
21
         Q. Jason is who?
         A. I don't know, I think maybe the
22
23
     other guy that I don't know.
24
         Q. And the other name is Mr. Shin?
         A. Mr. Shin.
25
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1
2
         Q. Is it because they were sharing
3
     a room -- to your knowledge, was
    Mr. Shin sharing a room with another
4
5
    person?
         A. No, the other person is relative
6
7
    other parties -- Chung Kane Lee maybe,
8
     the guy. I don't know who Jason is
9
     exactly but I don't know why they put
     those names on the invoices(sic).
10
11
         Q. Do you know who took care of
12
    this particular tab?
13
         A. Particular tab of the whisky?
         O. No -- with the tab for this
14
15
     room.
16
         A. I don't know.
17
         Q. When you left that room, do you
18
    know if the bill was given to be taken
19
     care of?
20
         A. I don't know.
21
         Q. You didn't personally take care
     of the bill?
22
23
        A. I didn't, no.
24
         Q. You didn't observe anyone else
25
     taking care of the bill?
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1
                      J. KIM
2
         A. I don't know.
3
         Q. You don't know if you observed
4
     or you did not observe?
5
         A. I don't know, I did not observe
6
     anything.
7
         Q. In other words, did you see
8
     anyone taking care of this particular
9
     bill?
10
         A. No.
11
         Q. Or a bill of any bill that came
12
     into that room?
13
         A. No.
14
         Q. The room that you were in?
         A. No.
15
16
         Q. Okay. And you remained in that
17
     room consistently for an hour and a
18
    half about?
19
         A. Maybe back and forth to the
20
    bathroom and I was really bored at that
21
     time, so I stepped out for a second and
22
     I had a cigarette and I don't know
23
     what's happening during my
24
     absence(sic).
25
         Q. When you smoke for -- when you
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1
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2
     smoked, where did you go; outside the
3
    building?
4
         A. There's one small door out -- I
5
     could go into the out, there's a
6
     stairway different to where we exited.
7
         O. Okay. That you can --
8
         A. Yeah, I can have smoke there.
9
         Q. Okay. Other than leaving the
     room to use the bathroom and leaving
10
11
    the room to smoke, you were pretty much
     in that room for an hour and a half; is
12
13
    that right?
14
         A. Right.
15
         Q. So you didn't see Mr. Shin at
16
     all for an hour and a half, right?
17
         A. Correct.
18
         Q. And the first time you saw
19
     Young Lee was when you went in to see
20
    Mr. Shin and asked if he wanted to
21
     leave?
22
         A. Yes.
23
         Q. Okay. Now let's talk about
24
     that. You left that room and you went
25
     straight to the other room?
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1
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2
        A. Yes.
3
         Q. How did you know which room to
     go to?
4
5
        A. I was following Chung Kane Lee
6
     at the time.
7
         Q. Okay. So you and Mr. Lee left
8
    together?
        A. Yes.
9
         Q. Chung Lee?
10
11
         A. Yes.
12
         Q. And you left together and
13
    Mr. Chung Lee took you to the second
14
    room?
15
         A. I don't quite recall for -- I
16
     was just following Chung Kane Lee and
17
    then we got into that room and Mr. Shin
18
    was there.
19
         Q. Okay. Now, I know you said you
20
     left the first room a couple of times
21
     to smoke a cigarette and just to use
22
    the restroom, did you observe Mr. Chung
23
    Lee use that rest room for any reason?
24
         A. I don't recall, you know, within
25
     the hour and a half they could be in
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1
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2
     and out. I can't really, you know,
3
    track down.
4
         O. You have no recollection one way
5
     or the other if Mr. Chung Lee left that
6
     room?
7
        A. No.
8
         Q. When you entered the second room
9
    where Mr. Shin was at, did you enter
     that room with Mr. Chung Lee?
10
11
         A. Yes.
12
         Q. And when you entered that room,
13
     you observed Mr. Shin sitting on the
14
    couch?
15
        A. Yes.
16
         Q. Looking relaxed I think you said
     and laid back?
17
18
        A. Yes.
19
         Q. And was Mr. Young Lee in that
20
     room?
21
         A. Yes.
22
         Q. Okay. Where was he?
23
         A. He was on the other side of the
24
     chair, couch.
         Q. Was there anybody else in that
25
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1
2
     room other than Mr. Young Lee and
     Mr. Shin?
3
4
         A. There's a one guy, another one
5
     guy there, and one lady was in that
6
     room.
7
         Q. Okay. Was anyone passed out on
8
     the couch?
9
         A. "Passed out" means like
10
     sleeping?
11
         Q. Sleeping.
         A. No.
12
13
         Q. Everybody was awake?
14
         A. Everybody was awake, yes.
15
         Q. Well, everybody was having a
     conversation?
16
17
         A. Well, they were quiet when I got
18
     into that room because they were
19
     looking at me like who you are
20
     maybe(sic).
21
         Q. Nobody was arguing, no bottles
22
     were being thrown, it was a pretty calm
23
     room; is that fair to say?
24
        A. Yes.
25
         Q. And just to be clear, nobody was
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Page 56 J. KIM 1 2 passed out on the couch? 3 A. No. 4 O. And the first room you were in, 5 was anybody passed out on the couch? 6 A. I don't recall. 7 Q. Do you recall -- CPA Park, was 8 he passed out? 9 A. I think he was asleep, the first room. Let's make it "first room" and 10 11 "second room" -- first room. 12 O. Mr. Park was not in the same 13 room as Mr. Shin? A. Actually, Mr. CPA Park took 14 15 Mr. Shin out to that room, too, and I 16 think after he came back by himself. 17 Q. And he came back by himself and he stayed in that room? 18 19 A. Room one, yes. 20 Q. Room one. So he didn't stay in room two for any long period of time? 21 22 A. Not for hour and a half, two 23 hours. 24 Q. And at the time you went to see Mr. Shin, CPA Park wasn't in there? 25



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1
2
         A. Wasn't in there.
3
         Q. You helped Mr. Shin off the
4
     couch?
5
         A. Yes.
         Q. Would it be fair to say that
6
7
    Mr. Shin is not a small guy?
8
         A. Well, I can't -- I pretty strong
9
     enough.
10
         Q. I didn't ask about your
11
     strength. Mr. Kim, I'm asking about
12
    Mr. Shin, he's not a small guy, right?
13
         A. Not a small guy.
14
               MR. WEISSLER: How tall was
15
        he?
               THE WITNESS: Same tall as
16
17
         I, like 5'10.
18
         Q. But heavier? And I say that
19
     coming from another person who's heavy.
20
         A. He's heavier.
21
               MR. WEISSLER: What did
22
         Mr. Shin weigh approximately?
23
               THE WITNESS: I don't know,
24
         like 200 pounds, I don't know.
25
               MR. WEISSLER: How much do
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1
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2
         you weigh?
3
               THE WITNESS: 165.
4
               MR. WEISSLER: How much
5
         heavier is he than you?
6
               THE WITNESS: I don't know.
7
               MS. NICOLAOU: Are you done?
8
         Thank you.
9
         Q. When you helped Mr. Shin off the
     couch, did you grab him by both hands?
10
11
         A. I think I just had my both hands
12
     grab his one arm to help him up.
13
         Q. When you walked out of the room,
14
     did you maintain support of Mr. Shin?
15
         A. From time to time I let him go,
16
     grab him, let him go, grab him.
17
         Q. That's because he was --
18
         A. He was kind of, yeah --
19
         Q. You got to let me finish the
20
     question.
21
         A. I'm sorry about that.
22
         Q. As much as it sounds like a
23
     conversation, it's not a conversation,
24
     it's a question and answer. Okay?
25
         A. Okay.
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1
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2
         Q. So you would assist Mr. Shin
3
     from time to time, and is it because he
4
     was wobbly on his feet, not steady on
5
    his feet?
6
         A. That I cannot say. His feet
     wasn't really, you know, wobbly but I
7
8
     was worried. I feel that he was drunk
9
     so I was trying to help him out if he
10
     need it, so I was kind of paying
11
     attention so I can grab him right away,
     so I was really focusing on him.
12
13
         Q. When you were focusing on him,
     did you observe him to be steady or did
14
15
    you observe him to be --
16
         A. A little bit, yes.
17
         Q. His balance being a little bit
18
    off?
         A. I mean he can -- based on my
19
20
     recollection and I think he's been --
    he's walking himself, you know.
21
22
         Q. Okay. So your recollection was
23
     he was walking in a stable and steady
24
    manner?
25
         A. I believe so and I was just
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1
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2
     worried, he looks like he was drunk so
3
     if he needed it, I was going to help
4
    him right away, so I was focusing on
5
    him.
         Q. Mr. Shin, he's considered your
6
7
    boss, correct?
8
         A. Yes.
9
         Q. Meaning he can fire you, hire
10
     you; is that right?
11
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
12
         form of the question.
13
         Q. He can fire you if he waned to;
14
     is that correct?
         A. Not by himself but he needs
15
16
     reason.
17
         Q. But he did have the power to
18
     fire you?
19
         A. He can make the decision.
20
         Q. How long have you worked at
     Noah Bank?
21
22
         A. Now it's approaching the seventh
23
    year.
24
         Q. And did you know Mr. Shin before
     you started working for Noah Bank?
25
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1
2
         A. No.
3
         Q. Had you ever gone out with
4
     Mr. Shin before that night?
5
         A. Before that night?
6
         O. Yes.
7
         A. Yes, not many times but, yes.
8
         Q. Have you gone out with Mr. Shin
9
     when alcohol was being served?
         A. Not this kind of place but, yes,
10
11
    other places.
12
         Q. Have you gone out with Mr. Shin
13
     where he consumed alcohol to the point
14
    where he became intoxicated?
         A. I don't see much, actually, I
15
16
     don't know. I don't go out with him
17
    unless it's a company dinner or stuff.
18
         Q. If I were to tell you that
     there's been testimony that Mr. Shin,
19
20
    when he drinks -- when he used to
21
     drink, he would always drink to excess,
22
     would that be a fair and accurate
    description of Mr. Shin's habits?
23
24
         A. I don't know, that's Mr. Shin's
     habits.
25
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1
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2
         O. You've never observed Mr. Shin
3
     drink to excess, prior to that night?
4
         A. I really -- I don't know.
5
         Q. You don't know?
6
         A. I don't know.
7
         Q. Have you ever been considered a
8
     designated driver or driver for
    Mr. Shin?
9
        A. No.
10
11
         Q. On prior occasions other than
    that night?
12
13
         A. No.
14
         Q. Okay. And when you assisted
    Mr. Shin off the couch and walked him
15
16
     out of the room, did Mr. Chung Lee
17
     follow you?
18
         A. Yes, we were together.
19
         Q. Was Mr. Chung Lee walking or
20
     escorting you and Mr. Shin out?
21
         A. We were together actually, yeah.
22
         Q. When you arrived to the karaoke
23
    bar, how did you -- I think it's pretty
24
    much agreed to that it's on the upper
     level. There was a staircase leading
25
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1
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2
     to the upper floor; is that right?
3
         A. Yes.
4
         Q. When you arrived that night, how
5
     did you go to the second floor?
6
         A. I think we had to use the
7
     stairway.
8
         Q. Use the stairway?
         A. Yeah.
9
         Q. Okay. Are you familiar whether
10
11
     or not there was an elevator at the
    premises?
12
13
         A. I didn't know.
14
         Q. Okay. Did Mr. Shin ever say to
15
     you that night before arriving that he
16
     would rather take the elevator?
17
         A. No.
18
         Q. So would it be fair to say that
     when you were leaving that night, your
19
20
    plan was to go down the stairway that
21
    you went up?
22
         A. Yes.
23
         Q. And this was your first time at
24
     the premises?
25
         A. Yes.
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1
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2
        Q. All right.
3
               MS. NICOLAOU: Off the
4
         record.
5
               (Whereupon, a discussion was
6
         held off the record.)
7
         Q. Okay. Mr. Kim, I'm going to
8
     show you a video that was previously
9
     marked -- electronically marked as
    Exhibit 1 on March 14th, 2019. Have
10
11
    you seen a video of the security
12
     footage capturing the incident
13
     involving Mr. Shin?
14
         A. I saw once, yes.
15
         Q. How long ago?
16
         A. That's about -- that's a pretty
17
     long time ago.
18
         Q. Is it your testimony that it was
19
     only you, Mr. Shin, Mr. Young Lee, and
20
    Mr. Chung Lee on that landing?
21
         A. I think so, yeah.
22
         Q. Okay. We're going to play this.
23
     The video is about two minutes and 22
24
    seconds long(sic) -- two minutes and 23
25
     three seconds long, excuse me. I'm
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1
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2
     going to hit play.
3
            Now, can you tell me who's who
     in this video?
4
5
            I stopped it at six seconds into
6
     the video.
7
        A. Okay. The left one is Chung
8
     Kane Lee.
9
         Q. So he's the one closest to the
     wall, right?
10
11
         A. Yes, and Mr. Shin.
12
         Q. And Mr. Shin -- we're going to
13
    play it again. Now, there's a
14
    gentleman here that's wearing a black
15
    blazer, green shirt, and glasses, do
    you see that? It looks like an older
16
17
    gentleman. I stopped it at 11 seconds
18
     into the video.
19
         A. Okay.
20
         Q. Do you know who that person is?
         A. I think it's the guy who I don't
21
22
    have the name where we stayed together
23
     in the room, room one.
24
         Q. Now, he then goes off camera; is
25
     that fair to say?
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1
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2
         A. Right.
3
         Q. So you can't really see him.
                                            Dο
4
     you remember whether he stayed up
5
     against the wall -- let me ask you
     this, seeing his face in this video,
6
7
     does that refresh your recollection
8
    whether he was on the platform at the
     time of the accident?
9
         A. I don't recall for that.
10
11
         O. The four of you -- well, there
12
     were five of you, but the group of you
     that walked into that door to the
13
     platform, that was a glass door?
14
15
         A. Yes.
16
         Q. That led from the karaoke bar to
17
     the platform to the landing where the
18
     staircase is; is that right?
19
         A. Yes.
20
         Q. Okay. Was there another door
21
     off of that landing other than the one
22
     you used?
23
         A. I don't recall.
24
         Q. Now, I stopped this video at 13
     seconds in, at that point there's a
25
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1
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2
     gentleman in a green shirt that we
3
     understand to be Young Lee; is that
4
     right?
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. And is that you, sir, with your
7
     arm across his chest?
8
         A. Yes.
9
         Q. Which appears to be holding him
    back?
10
11
               MR. COHEN: Objection to the
12
        form.
         A. Yes.
13
14
         Q. Are you holding him back?
15
         A. I'm trying to, yes.
16
         Q. And he grabs -- at that point,
17
     Mr. Lynn grabs Mr. Shin's jacket, I'll
18
     rewind it from 14 seconds into the
19
    video. Okay?
20
         A. Okay.
21
               MR. WEISSLER: Can you just
22
         stop there for a moment? I'm
23
         sorry, I don't mean to interrupt.
24
               Who is the gentlemen to the
25
         left of Mr. Shin?
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1
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2
               THE WITNESS: Chung Kane
3
         Lee.
4
         O. We stopped at 15 seconds, did
5
     you observe in this video, Mr. Lee
6
     grabbing Mr. Shin's jacket?
7
               MR. COHEN: Object to form.
8
        A. Yes.
9
         Q. And at that point Mr. Kim, where
     is your left hand?
10
11
         A. My left hand is grabbing
12
    Young Lee.
        Q. Where?
13
14
         A. On his right arm.
15
         Q. Okay. We're just playing it
16
     again. Okay.
17
            At this point, are you shaking
    Mr. Chung Lee's hand? I'm stopping it
18
19
     at 28 seconds into the video.
20
        A. No.
21
         Q. Okay. Let me rewind it a little
22
    bit.
23
        A. It seems --
24
               MR. COHEN: Wait.
25
         Q. Again, we stopped it 28 seconds
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1
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2
     into the video. I rewinded it a couple
3
     of seconds before, does it look like
4
     you were shaking his hand?
5
         A. No.
6
         Q. Okay. All right.
7
            Can you tell -- I stopped at 37
8
     seconds into the video -- can you tell
9
    who Mr. Chung Lee -- whose hand he's
    shakinq?
10
11
               MR. COHEN: Objection to the
12
         form; lack of foundation.
13
         Q. Do you see Mr. Chung Lee
     shaking someone's hand?
14
        A. Yes.
15
16
         Q. Okay. Thank you.
17
            Can you tell whose hand he's
18
    shaking?
19
         A. Once he makes an objection, do I
20
    have to answer?
21
         Q. Unless he tells you not to
22
     answer, you have to answer the
23
    question.
24
        A. Okay.
25
         Q. Now, it's about 48 seconds into
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1
2
     the video, do you recall what Mr. Chung
3
     Lee, Mr. Young Lee, and Mr. Shin were
4
     talking about at this point?
5
         A. No, I don't recall.
6
         Q. Is it your recollection that the
7
     one thing that was discussed was why
8
     are you leaving?
9
         A. Yes.
         Q. And that was being asked by
10
11
    Mr. Young Lee?
12
         A. Yes.
13
         Q. I'm stopping it at one minute
14
     and 43 seconds into the video, can you
15
     tell what Mr. Shin's doing here?
16
         A. Middle finger.
17
         Q. Who is he holding it up to?
18
         A. Seems to be to Young Lee.
19
         Q. Do you know why?
20
            I don't know, maybe some sort of
21
     disagreement with each other, I don't
22
     know.
23
         Q. Do you remember what happened
     that resulted Mr. Shin to raise his
24
25
     middle finger?
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1
2
         A. I don't recall.
3
         Q. I don't remember if I said it,
4
     that's one minute and 43 seconds into
5
     the video.
6
            One minute and 50 seconds into
    the video. At this point is Mr. Shin
7
8
     -- is he holding up his middle finger?
        A. Yes.
9
10
         Q. And what's Mr. Chung Lee doing
11
     at this point? And I moved it to one
    minute and 51 seconds.
12
13
         A. He's holding Young Lee's face.
         Q. With both hands, correct?
14
15
        A. With both hands, seems like it,
16
    yes.
17
         Q. Do you recall that being done
18
    that night?
19
         A. It was, you know, messy
20
     situation, I see it in the video.
21
         Q. Does this refresh your
     recollection if you observed Mr. Chung
22
23
    Lee put his hands on Mr. Young Lee's
24
    face?
25
         A. Yeah.
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1
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2
         Q. Do you know why?
3
         A. I don't know, they are talking
4
     to each other.
5
         Q. Do you know what language they
6
     were talking in?
7
        A. Korean.
8
         Q. And you understood them?
9
         A. I didn't really pay attention to
     their conversation at the time.
10
11
         Q. Was your main concern Mr. Shin?
12
         A. That is true, yes.
13
         Q. And -- was it your goal to get
14
    Mr. Shin out of that building?
15
         A. Yes.
16
         Q. One minute and 56 seconds into
17
     the video. Mr. Shin is still holding
18
    up his middle finger, correct?
19
        A. Yes.
20
         Q. And you're standing there,
21
    basically, kind of but not really
22
    between Mr. Chung Lee and Mr. Shin; is
23
    that right?
24
        A. I'm on the left side of Chung
25
     Lee.
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1
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2
         O. On the --
3
         A. So we are in -- Chung Lee and
4
     myself are in between Mr. Shin and
5
     Young Lee.
6
         Q. Just because you mentioned left
7
     side, when you say the "left side,"
8
    what perspective are you looking at?
9
    Can you describe it from the camera's
10
    perspective?
11
         A. Camera's perspective?
12
         Q. You're on the right side of
     Mr. Shin?
13
14
         A. Yes.
15
         Q. We're looking at the scene one
16
    minute and 57 seconds into the video.
17
    Mr. Shin's standing, can you describe
18
    to me, sir, how he's standing?
19
               MR. COHEN: Objection to the
20
         form.
         Q. Is Mr. Shin in this video
21
22
     leaning up against the wall? And if
    you want me to rewind that, I can do
23
24
    that.
25
            Just rewinded 24 seconds into
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1
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2
     the video. Can you tell if Mr.
3
     standing up against the wall in this
    video?
4
5
         A. Yes.
6
         Q. Would it be fair to say that in
7
    the one minute and 54 seconds into the
8
     video. Mr. Shin is still leaning up
9
     against the wall?
10
        A. Looks like it.
11
         O. Okay. And this is now two
12
    minutes and two seconds into the video,
13
    can you tell me what you see in this
    video at this point?
14
15
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
16
         form of the question.
17
         A. Chung Lee is putting
18
     Mr. Young Lee onto the wall from the
19
     opposite side of Mr. Shin and holding
20
     Young Lee's face, right side of face.
21
         Q. Do you recall what was going on
22
     at this point, what was being said,
     what was being discussed?
23
24
         A. They were talking and, you know,
25
     I wasn't really concentrating on what
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2
     they were talking about.
3
         Q. And is Mr. Shin at this two
4
     minute and two seconds into the video,
5
     is he still holding up his middle
6
     finger?
7
        A. Yes.
8
         Q. And at two minutes and 13
9
     seconds, at this point Mr. Shin is
     still holding up his middle finger,
10
11
     correct?
12
         A. Yes.
13
         Q. And Mr. Young Lee, what is he
     doing in this video?
14
15
         A. He's doing the middle finger, he
16
     pulled out the middle finger.
17
         Q. In this video, is it fair to say
18
     that you at that point try to push his
    hand down?
19
20
         A. Yes.
21
         Q. Mr. Young Lee's hand?
22
         A. Yes.
         Q. And at that point, sir, what is
23
24
     going on? Wait let me just stop it.
25
     At two minutes and 16 seconds into the
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2
     video, what are you doing at this point
3
     in the video?
4
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
5
         form of the question.
6
         A. I'm trying to push him away from
     Mr. Shin at that point.
7
8
         Q. All right.
9
            In the entire time that
10
    you're -- you and Mr. Young Lee,
11
    Mr. Chung Lee, and Mr. Shin were
     standing on that platform and Mr.
12
13
    had his middle finger up, did you at
14
    any time try to put Mr. Shin's hand
15
     down to try to control the situation --
16
     in attempt to control the situation?
17
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
18
         form of the question.
         A. Yeah, I wasn't really focusing
19
20
     on Young Lee at that point and as you
21
     see, I didn't recognize Mr. Shin's
22
     finger up.
23
         Q. You testified earlier in your
24
         A. I saw the video.
25
         Q. You testified earlier that
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2
     Mr. Shin did raise his middle finger,
3
    would it be fair to say during this
4
    entire incident on that night you
5
     observed Mr. Shin put up his finger?
6
         A. Yes.
7
         Q. And at that time you observed
8
    him put up his middle finger, did you
9
     do anything to stop it?
10
        A. No.
11
         Q. I'm going to ask you to pay very
12
     close attention because things start
    moving quickly, okay. So we're going
13
14
    to start at two minutes and 15 seconds
15
    into the video so there's eight seconds
16
     left. Okay?
17
         A. Okay.
18
         Q. Can you tell from this video
     whether Mr. Shin was kicked by
19
20
    Mr. Young Lee?
21
         A. Yes.
22
         Q. Okay. You can see it in the
23
    video?
24
        A. Yes.
25
               MR. WEISSLER: Counsel, can
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2
         you just go back to the 2 minutes
3
         and 15 -- to the 00:2:20, please?
4
               MS. NICOLAOU: One second,
5
         I'll go back as many times as you
6
         want.
7
         Q. Okay. Two minutes and 17
8
     seconds into the video. At this point,
9
     sir, is it fair to say that Mr. Shin
10
    was in the process of falling down the
11
    stairs?
12
        A. Yes.
13
         Q. Is his middle finger still up in
14
    this video clip?
15
         A. Is that middle finger? It seems
16
    unclear to me but.
17
         Q. As he falls down the stairs,
     sir, is it fair to say that his arms
18
19
     are out stretched in front of him?
20
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
21
         form of the question.
22
         A. Yes.
23
         Q. Okay.
24
               MS. NICOLAOU: Where do you
25
         want to go again, do you want to
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2
         come around and look closer or
3
         you can just take my computer?
4
         Off the record.
5
                (Whereupon, a discussion was
6
         held off the record.)
7
         Q. Mr. Kim, now that I figured out
8
     how to move the bar that controls the
9
     controls of the video away from the
10
     bottom of the video, we're going to do
11
     this again, okay.
12
            So we are going to start it at
13
     two minutes and 14 seconds into the
14
     video, okay, with nine seconds left.
15
    Ready?
16
         A. Yes.
17
         Q. Take a very close look and hit
     the space bar when you're ready.
18
19
         A. Okay.
20
         O. Okay. Now that I moved the
21
     control bar from the bottom of the
22
     screen to the top of the screen, can
23
     you, in this video, see Mr. Young Lee
    kick Mr. Shin?
24
25
         A. Yes.
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Page 80 1 J. KIM 2 O. And it was because Mr. Young Lee 3 kicked Mr. Shin that Mr. Shin fell down the stairs; is that correct? 4 5 MR. WEISSLER: Just note my 6 objection. 7 Q. All right. I have no further 8 questions for now. 9 EXAMINATION BY MR. WEISSLER: 10 11 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Kim. Му name is Steven Weissler. I'm an 12 13 attorney with the law office of Longo D'Apice, and we are the attorneys for 14 15 the Defendant, Young K. Lee. 16 I'm going to be asking you some 17 questions about the incident at the 18 karaoke club. If you don't understand 19 any of my questions, please tell me and 20 I'll be glad to rephrase the question. 21 And if I'm not speaking loud enough, 22 please tell me and I'll be glad to 23 repeat the question or we can have the 24 young lady, Ms. Reporter, repeat the 25 question.



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1
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2
            Do you understand everything I
3
     said so far?
         A. Yes.
4
5
         Q. What is your date of birth?
6
         A. XX - XX - 1980.
7
         Q. Where were you born?
8
         A. South Korea.
9
         Q. When did you first come to the
     United States?
10
11
         A. 1994, 1993. It has to be exact
12
     date and year?
13
         Q. Approximately.
14
         A. Probably somewhere around there.
15
         Q. Are you a United States citizen?
16
         A. Yes.
17
         Q. And when did you become a
18
     citizen?
         A. December of 2017.
19
20
         Q. And when for the first time did
     you learn that the individual in that
21
22
     video with the green shirt had the name
23
     Young K. Lee?
24
         A. I don't recall.
         Q. Was it some time after --
25
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2
         A. After the incident, definitely.
3
         Q. I believe you mentioned earlier
4
     -- and I'm not going to try to repeat
5
     what's been said earlier -- that for
6
     approximately an hour and a half you
7
     remained in the room with Chung Lee and
8
    the CPA Park; is that right?
         A. Yes.
9
10
         Q. Okay. And then when you went to
11
     the second room at approximately --
12
     what time was that?
13
         A. Probably one -- 1:00 a.m.
14
         Q. And I believe you said that was
15
     for the purpose to tell Mr. Shin that
16
    you wanted to leave; is that right?
17
         A. Yes.
18
         Q. Okay. And when you want to that
     room, did you see Mr. Shin sitting at a
19
20
     table?
21
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Objection to
22
        the form.
23
        A. Couch.
24
         Q. He was sitting on a couch?
25
         A. Yes.
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2
         O. And on that same couch was the
3
     person who you later came to be known
4
     as Young K. Lee?
5
         A. Not the same couch.
6
         Q. Okay. Was Mr. Young Lee on
7
     another couch?
8
         A. Another couch.
9
         Q. Okay. I believe you mentioned
     there was a third man there; is that
10
11
    right?
12
         A. Yes.
13
         Q. Did you ever come to learn the
     identity of the third person?
14
        A. No.
15
16
         Q. Was that third person on the
17
     same couch with Mr. Shin?
18
        A. No.
19
         Q. Was that third person on the
20
     same couch with Young Lee?
         A. I think so, I don't clearly
21
22
     recall whether they sit together or
23
    not.
24
         Q. And in looking at that video,
     did you see the -- that third man in
25
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2
     any portion of the video?
3
         A. "Third man" means?
4
            The one whose name you didn't
5
     know when you went into the room?
6
         A. I believe so, yes.
7
         Q. Okay. Was that the individual
8
     who was at the beginning of the video
9
     that you were just shown?
         A. Yeah.
10
11
         Q. Okay. When you went to get
    Mr. Shin in the second room, how long
12
13
     did you remain in that room?
14
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
15
         form of the question.
16
         A. Me?
17
         Q. Yeah. When you went to go get
18
    him and tell him you wanted to leave,
    how long did you remain in the room
19
20
    before you started assisting Mr. Shin
     out of the room?
21
22
         A. 10 seconds.
23
         Q. At approximately what time were
24
     you on the landing with Mr. Shin when
     he was giving the finger to Young Lee?
25
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1
2
         A. Time?
3
         O. Yes.
4
         A. Probably around one -- between
5
     one or 1:30.
6
         Q. I believe you mentioned earlier
7
     and correct me if I'm wrong, you went
8
    into that second room at about 1:00
9
     a.m.; is that right?
10
        A. Yes.
11
         Q. Can you tell me anything that
12
    you did between 1:00 a.m. and 1:30
13
    a.m.?
14
         A. I take Mr. Shin out from the
15
    room and then we walked through the
16
    hallway where we got into the incident
17
     and we were on the platform right in
18
    front of the stairway and they were
    talking and the incident happened.
19
20
         Q. So they were talking on the
21
     landing for about a half an hour?
22
         A. I said between -- I don't recall
23
     exactly the time.
24
         Q. I believe you mentioned earlier
25
     that there are at present five
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2
     employees of the bank; is that right?
3
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
4
         form of the question.
5
         Q. How many employees are there for
6
     the NOA(sic) bank?
7
               MR. COHEN: Noah Bank.
8
         A. Our bank?
9
         O. Yes.
         A. Which place are you talking
10
11
     about?
12
         Q. On the day before the incident,
13
     that would be Friday, April 21st, were
     you with Mr. Shin that day?
14
15
         A. Yes.
16
         Q. Okay. And he was the Chief
17
     Executive Officer of the Noah Bank at
18
    that time?
19
        A. Yes.
20
         Q. And you were at a particular
     location in Fort Lee, New Jersey; is
21
22
     that right?
23
         A. Yes. Wasn't Fort Lee, it was
24
    Palisade Park, I believe,
25
     Bergen Boulevard.
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1
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2
         O. Okay. Is that where the
3
     Noah Bank is?
4
         A. No, our office in Fort Lee, I
     thought we were talking about the
5
6
     restaurant we had dinner.
7
         Q. Let's go back to the office.
8
         A. Yes.
         Q. Is that the office of Noah Bank?
9
10
         A. Yes.
11
         Q. Is that where you went to work
     every day?
12
         A. Yes.
13
14
         Q. Who else worked at that
15
     particular bank as of April 21st, 2017?
16
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
17
         form of the question.
18
         A. Who else working at Noah Bank?
19
         Q. Yes, how many employees were
20
     there?
21
         A. 40 or 45.
22
         Q. Okay. Do you remember telling
23
     us earlier that there were five people
24
     at the bank; is that something I heard
25
     wrong?
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2
         A. No, I didn't mention about five
3
     people. We had a dinner at New Jersey
4
     and myself and Mr. Shin and some other
5
     employees were together to have a
6
     dinner.
7
         Q. Who were the three others that
8
     had the dinner, and that was the dinner
     in Palisade Park?
9
10
         A. Yes.
11
         O. Who would be the other three?
12
         A. You mean their names?
13
         Q. Yes.
         A. Dong Pil Joo, D-O-N-G, P-I-L,
14
15
     J-0-0, and Young Hoon, Y-0-U-N-G,
    H-O-O-N, and Gim, G-I-M, and Eric Shin,
16
17
     E-R-I-C, S-H-I-N.
18
         Q. And were they all employees of
19
     the branch in Fort Lee?
20
         A. Noah Bank, yes.
21
         Q. What time did you arrive at that
22
     restaurant?
23
         A. Around seven, 7:30.
24
         Q. And how long did you remain at
25
     that restaurant?
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2
         A. A couple of hours.
3
         Q. The bill that you've been shown
4
     for $1,500 hundred dollars (pointing)
5
               MS. NICOLAOU: Not that one,
6
7
         you're pointing to the wrong one.
8
               MS. BERKOWITZ: (Handing.)
9
               MS. NICOLAOU: Exhibit C
10
         marked on February 1st, 2019.
11
               MR. WEISSLER: Okay. Can I
12
        see the other one, please?
13
               MS. NICOLAOU: Which bill
14
         are you looking for?
15
               MR. WEISSLER: Off the
16
         record.
17
               (Whereupon, a discussion was
18
         held off the record.)
19
         Q. For purposes of the record, I'm
20
     going to show you what's been
21
    previously marked as Defendant's
22
    Exhibit C from February 1st, 2019, and
23
     it appears to be at the bottom circled
24
     $1,500 cash, okay. Do you know if this
25
     is a bill from the room where you
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2
     stayed with CPA Park and Chung Lee?
               MR. COHEN: Objection to the
3
4
         form.
5
         A. I never seen these invoices
6
     before so I don't know.
7
         Q. Okay. Now, I'm going to show
8
     you what's been previously marked as
9
    Exhibit B from February 1st, 2019, and
10
     it appears to have a dollar amount of
11
     $500, do you know which room this bill
12
    was for or if it's the bill for the
13
    room in which you and Chung Lee and
14
    CPA Park were -- stayed for that hour
     and a half?
15
16
         A. I don't know, this was the first
17
     time I seen it.
18
               MS. BERKOWITZ: Do you know
19
        who paid either of those bills?
20
               THE WITNESS: No.
21
         Q. During that hour and a half that
22
     you -- that Mr. Shin went to the other
23
    room, were there any women in the room
24
    where you were with Mr. Chung Lee and
    CPA Park?
25
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2
         A. Yes.
3
         Q. Okay. And what were the women
4
     doing?
5
         A. Service -- servicing.
6
         Q. Okay. Were they giving any
7
     massages?
8
         A. No.
9
         Q. Were they giving any lap dances?
10
         A. No.
11
         Q. Okay. When you went into the
12
     second room to get Mr. Shin to tell him
13
    you wanted to leave, were there any
14
     women in that room?
15
         A. I think one lady was there.
16
         Q. Did you see that lady giving
17
     anybody a massage?
18
        A. No.
19
         Q. Did you see that lady giving
20
     anybody a lap dance?
21
         A. No.
22
         Q. Okay. Was there an elevator in
23
     the building?
24
        A. I don't know.
25
         Q. And as you were standing at the
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     landing before Mr. Shin fell down the
2
3
     stairway, how would you describe the
4
     artificial lighting on the landing?
5
         A. Light?
         Q. The lights -- artificial
6
     lighting?
7
         A. Light like that?
8
9
         Q. Yes, any sort of lights? Was it
10
     dark, light, good lighting, any way you
11
     wish to describe it?
12
         A. It was dark.
13
         Q. Was there artificial lighting?
14
         A. Yes.
         Q. Where were the lights located?
15
16
         A. Ceiling and the side.
17
         Q. And from looking at that video,
18
     did you have any problem seeing what
19
     was on the video?
20
         A. No.
21
         Q. Did the video appear dark to you
22
     or light to you or something else?
23
               MR. COHEN: Object to the
24
         form of the question.
25
         A. I don't see any issue to figure
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Page 93 1 J. KIM 2 out what's happening from the video. 3 Q. And were there any handrails on 4 the stairway? 5 A. I don't recall that. 6 Q. The person who you identified as 7 Young K. Lee, did you ever see Young K. 8 Lee prior to the incident at the 9 karaoke club? 10 A. No. 11 Q. Did anyone introduce you to 12 Mr. Young K. Lee at any time from the 13 time that you arrived at the karaoke 14 club until the time of the incident? A. No. 15 16 Q. Do you know what type of work 17 Young K. Lee does or was doing as of 18 April 22nd, 2017? A. I heard his business -- he's a 19 20 deli business owner. 21 Q. Did Young K. Lee do any business 22 with the Noah Bank? 23 A. No. 24 Q. Who was it that brought Mr. Shin 25 into that second room?



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2
         A. CPA Park.
3
         Q. Did CPA Park ever tell you that
4
     he brought Mr. Shin into the next room
5
     to meet Mr. Young K. Lee?
6
         A. No.
7
         Q. At any time prior to the night
8
     of the incident until coming here
9
     today, did anyone ever tell you that
10
     CPA Park brought Mr. Shin into the
11
     second room to meet Young K. Lee?
12
         A. No.
13
         Q. I have nothing further.
14
            Thank you.
15
    EXAMINATION
16
   BY MS. BERKOWITZ:
17
         Q. You testified that you believe
18
     these people that you saw were
     employees of the karaoke bar?
19
20
         A. Yes.
21
         Q. What is the basis for that
22
     belief; like, why do you think they
23
    were employees?
         A. That's what we call the "room
24
     salon business, " they provide drinks
25
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2
     usually those type of business where
     the lady do the service for(sic) --
3
4
         Q. How do you know they weren't
5
     just other customers?
6
         A. That place -- I don't know
     actually. I had service lady in my
7
8
     room, too, so.
9
         Q. I'm just asking you, how do you
     know that they weren't just other
10
11
    customers?
12
         A. How do I know?
13
         Q. Yeah, rather than employees?
         A. There shouldn't be a lady
14
15
     customer.
16
         Q. There was not a lady customer?
17
         A. It's a room salon for men.
18
         Q. So the ladies -- the females
19
    that you believe were employees, they
20
     just bring in the bottles and put them
21
     on the table?
22
         A. They just walk in the waiter
23
    brings the drink into the room.
24
         Q. What dose the female do; they
25
     just walk?
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               MR. COHEN: Object to form.
3
         A. They just walk in by themselves
4
     with some owner or whatever.
5
               MS. NICOLAOU: Like what?
6
         O. The owner?
         A. Like head of lady, I don't
7
8
    know(sic). I don't know how to call
9
    but -- like director, let's say,
    whoever controlled the ladies within
10
11
    the business, I believe. I don't know,
    they walked in.
12
13
         O. And did what?
14
         A. And sitting next to where we
15
    were sitting.
16
         Q. They were just sitting there?
17
         A. Yeah, they were sitting and then
18
    they do assistant -- assist for us to
19
    drink, so they pour the drinks into the
20
    cup, and, you know, service for the
21
     food; just like assist, support,
22
    service.
23
         Q. Okay. So how do you know
24
    that -- do you know -- so they were in
     your room -- they were in your room?
25
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2
         A. Yes, mhmm.
3
         Q. Did you see any females in the
4
     Young Lee room?
5
         A. There was one lady in that room
6
     when I got into that room, yes.
7
         Q. This is very -- don't guess at
8
     anything, I want to know if you saw
9
     that female pour any drinks for
10
     Young Lee?
11
         A. Not pour any drinks she just was
12
     sitting there.
         Q. Okay. Did you see the female
13
14
     pour a drink for Young Lee?
15
        A. No.
16
         Q. Okay. Thank you.
17
               MS. NICOLAOU: I'm done.
18
           (Time noted: 12:52 p.m.)
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                INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESS
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             After doing so, please sign the
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             You are signing same subject to the
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   original errata sheet to the deposing attorney
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   deposition transcript by you. If you fail to
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   do so, the deposition transcript may be deemed
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11	during my testimony under oath, and that the
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18	JOHN KIM
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21	before me, this day
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25	Notary Public



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